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From: Staiger, Kimberly
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:15 PM
To: Maddaloni, Mark
Cc: Evangelista, Pat
Subject: Fw: Northport Middle School

Hello Mark!

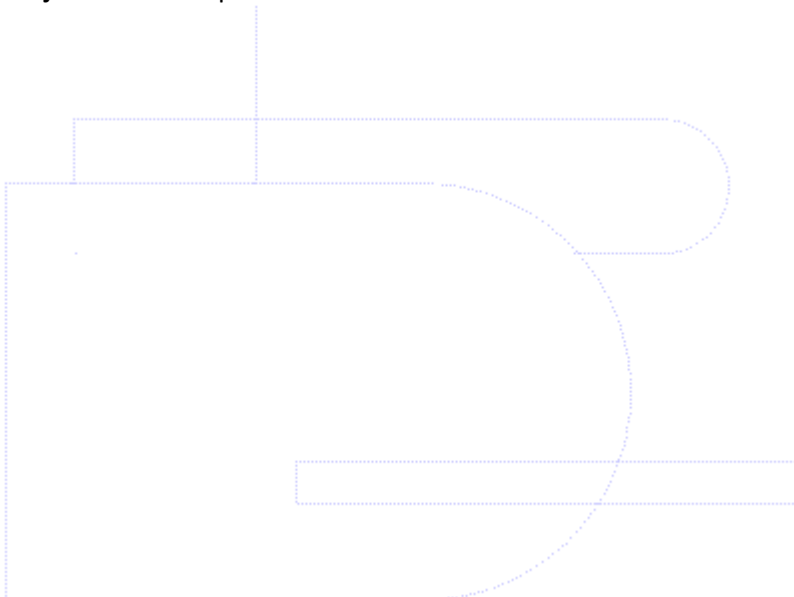
I received a complaint that came in through the RAV system from a parent whose child attends the Northport Middle school in Northport, NY. I'm drafting a response to the complaint and reached out to the NYSDEC and NYSDOH to get some background on actions the state has taken to address parental concerns.

Below is an email that I received from Mike Hughes at NYSDOH after I spoke with Hugh Cirrito at NYSDEC. Becky Ofrane was looped into this discussion at some point earlier in the year which is why I'm reaching out to you!

If you are free today (I'm in until 6:15 pm) or anytime tomorrow, please give me a call to discuss. Hope all is well,
Kim

PS - I'm also going to forward the original complaint I received from Janette Mieles.

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Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 2:12 PM
To: Walz, Nathan M (HEALTH)
Cc: Ofrane, Rebecca; Staiger, Kimberly
Subject: RE: Northport Middle School



Hi Kim,

I left you a VM this AM after Hugh Cirrito at NYSDEC told me about your inquiry about Northport and potentially Frank P Long. Lucky me, I am the primary point person for both. You can also reach out to Nate but he has not had the frequent phone/email dialogue I have had with parents and staff. If you (you too Rebecca!!) would like to discuss feel free to call.

Mike.

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Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 1:43 PM

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Subject: Northport Middle School

Mike,

As we discussed, I had looped in Rebecca to some of the sampling results that had been collected at the school.

I have not given Rebecca any recent updates however.

Nate

Hi Nathan,

I was trying to touch base with Mike last week, and after some phone-tag we still haven't connected and I hear he's out for a few days. I'm the Children's Health and Schools Coordinator for EPA Region 2, so a few parents from Northport Middle School have contacted me about the potential VOC exposures at the school.

I've looked at the sampling report and info on the school's website, and wanted to see if we could just chat for a few minutes about the air levels you're comparing to. (I used to be a risk assessor so I'm familiar with vapor intrusion as well). Should we set a time to chat? I'm free today until about 4:30, and most of tomorrow morning. Otherwise, Monday?

School district link: <http://northport.k12.ny.us/district.cfm?subpage=233927>

Thanks,

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Thanks Hugh,

I have had numerous conversations with parents, Mr. Banzer, Suffolk County HD folks and Mt. Sinai Medical Center Pediatric Unit on the topics below as well as many others. With regard to chlordane, testing was performed by the school and their consultant. The results based on correspondence I reviewed indicate that levels of chlordane in soil, indoor air and indoor wipe were mostly non-detect or low enough as to not warrant any action. Suffolk County DHS was more actively involved with Northport at that time (circa 2000). Amy is copied and can provide additional comment if needed. I have not seen the actual test results.

In response to the odors from buses and alleged increased CO exposure to students, the school has been performing continuous CO monitoring at various locations in the school. Results have largely been non-detect, except for one location in the kitchen/cafeteria (5ppm). NYSED, Mt. Sinai Pediatrics and I have been copied on those reports. Last I spoke with Mr. Banzer the school is evaluating whether relocating the bus depot away from Northport Middle School is warranted or feasible. Marty and Roseanne are on this note as well and they may have other information.

The information I have seen regarding evaluation of the nearby property as a Superfund site did not find information that warranted that it be listed.

I can give Kim a call. If you or anyone has other questions or needs more details let me know.

Merry Christmas! Mike.

From: Cirrito, Hugh (DEC)

Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 10:35 AM

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Subject: RE: NORTHPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL COMPLAINT

Good morning Mike and Nathan,

This morning I spoke with Kim Stager (Nathan – she said she knows you) from EPA (732-452-6415). She was inquiring about and trying to get up to speed on Northport Schools. Most of what she mentioned we all know about. I told her who was involved from each Agency, she seemed to already know from her reading. I told her DEC is storing records for this incident with Spill #1706503 but she was not interested in obtaining a copy of the file.

Some developments that were brought to her attention by the citizens that I did not have knowledge of and I'm not sure if you do:

- The school is doing some excavating on the property for track replacement and/or rehabilitation.
- Citizens are concerned about the presence of chlordane in soil – referring to an old report? No real details known.
- Citizens are concerned about the districts adjacent bus parking/fueling area and the associated fumes from the busses.
- Nearby superfund site – Kim knows of this and said it was a nearby site that was evaluated for Superfund.

She seemed mainly concerned about trying to get her hands on the report containing info related to the chlordane – all she knows of is a reference to information obtained from a report in the 80's. She plans to reach out to the school district (Robert Banzer or Anthony Resca – I gave her those names) first and then maybe with one of you after that.

Note: She said she is also getting involved with Frank P Long school near Brookhaven Landfill.

Hugh

From: Hughes, Michael J (HEALTH)

Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 9:51 AM

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Thanks Hugh. Please keep us updated if you receive any other information or requests. We will do the same.

From: Cirrito, Hugh (DEC)

Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 9:44 AM

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Subject: RE: NORTHPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL COMPLAINT

Good morning Mike,

The attached article appears in today's Newsday.

Hugh

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Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2017 10:21 AM

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Thanks. Yes Janet's report was forwarded by my office with a formal letter to the District. They in turn had it on their website, presented at multiple school board meetings. Not sure the purpose of reporting now. You are correct that the chemical storage was abated. I have notified State Education Department of ongoing complaints and have copied them on this note as well. Thanks, let's keep our offices up to date as anything else develops. Mike.

From: Cirrito, Hugh (DEC)

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Mike - Yes it is a new approach. I re-attached the spill report and added Karen and Janet to the cc: list so that they can follow along.

I believe Denise got hold of a copy of Janet's report (attached) or at least has learned of the content of the report and is reporting the findings in Janet's report to the hotline. It's also possible she read how the school responded to Janet's items of concern through a JC Broderick (the school's consultant) report since they are mentioned in the complaint.

I reviewed Janet's report again just now and I see no reference to cracks in the floor. Maybe Janet can confirm no cracks were present. Janet's report also mentions that storage of chemicals has been resolved.

I see no information in the report related to a present condition (written with past tense references), therefore I see no reason for DEC to get involved at this time.

Hugh

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Well that's a different approach! Will this report require a site visit or would you contact the school building and grounds! Please keep us posted and if there is anything we can do.

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Good morning- Hugh requested that I notify you of this complaint we just received for the Northport Middle School

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